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**Technical Correction to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Withdrawal of direct final rule.

**SUMMARY:** Because the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received adverse comment, we are withdrawing the direct final rule titled, "Technical Correction to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter," published on August 11, 2016.

**DATES:** Effective [insert date of publication in the *Federal Register*], the EPA withdraws the direct final rule published at 81 FR 53006 on August 11, 2016.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Because the EPA received adverse comment, we are withdrawing the direct final rule titled, "Technical Correction to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter," published on August 11, 2016 (81 FR 53006). We stated in that direct final rule that if we received adverse comment by September 12, 2016, the direct

final rule would not take effect and we would publish a timely withdrawal in the *Federal Register*. We subsequently received adverse comment on that direct final rule. We will address those comments in a final action, which will be based on the parallel proposed rule also published on August 11, 2016 (81 FR 53097). As stated in the direct final rule and the parallel proposed rule, we will not institute a second comment period on this action.

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